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SUBJECT: EFFORT TO DEFEAT LOS INVITATIONS FOR PRG AND GRUNK

REF: VIENNA 9329

1. ON NOVEMBER 15, AMBASSADOR HALUSA WAS INVITED TO DISCUSS LOS INVITATION ISSUE WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER. MR. STABLER STRESSED OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRG AND GRUNK MIGHT BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, WARNING THAT THIS WOULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT IN THE UN. HE REMINDED AMBASSADOR HALUSA THAT THE US AND AUSTRIA SHARE THE MUTUAL OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING THE UN, AND NOT SUBJECTING IT TO THE PRESSURES OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE DOMESTIC DIVISIONS OF

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MEMBER STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, MR. STABLER OBSERVED

THAT AUSTRIA HAD TAKEN A STRONG POSITION AGAINST THE IDEA OF TWO GROUPS REPRESENTING ONE STATE DURING THE CHIREP DEBATE.

2. NOTING THAT THERE WAS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SPONSORS OF THE PRG AND GRUNK MIGHT NOT PRESS FOR A VOTE NOVEMBER 16 IF THEY SENSED SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION, MR. STABLER CALLED FOR AUSTRIA TO TAKE A DEFINITE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND NOT PLACE EXPEDIENCY ABOVE PRINCIPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE STRESSED THAT THE USG COULD NOT ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE AUSTRIAN ARGUMENT THAT VIENNA'S HOST POSITION CALLED FOR AN ABSTENTION IN THIS MATTER.

3. AMBASSADOR HALUSA REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH AUSTRIA'S UN MISSION A FEW HOURS EARLIER AND THAT AMBASSADOR JANKOWITSCH HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE PRG/GRUNK ISSUE PROBABLY WOULD NOT COME TO A VOTE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, HOWEVER, AND ESSENTIALLY REPEATED THE ARGUMENTS ALREADY PRESENTED TO EMBASSY VIENNA (REFTEL)--BUT AGREED TO CONVEY MR. STABLER'S REMARKS TO FOREIGN MINISTER KIRSCHSCHLAEGER IMMEDIATELY. IN CLOSING, AMBASSADOR HALUSA COMMENTED THAT AUSTRIA HAD TURNED DOWN A PRG REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A "BUREAU" IN VIENNA--AND THAT AUSTRIA ALSO WAS OPPOSING THE SEATING OF GRUNK IN THE UN. RUSH

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